



Child Camper Eligibility Policy

To be eligible to attend a session at Camp Hemlocks, a child must be able to meet all of the following requirements.

The child must be:

- Between the ages of 8 and 18 years
- Have a diagnosis of physical, developmental, and other disability appropriate to the session.
- Able to interact with others, must be cognitively aware that he/she is participating in a camp program, and able to be involved in activities, with other campers, and respond to staff.
- Able to adapt to the group living environment of camp without disrupting others during sleeping hours, meals and during program activities.
- Free of inappropriate sexual behavior.
- Able to adapt to a staff supervision ratio of 1 staff to 3 campers. We are prepared to provide 1 on 1 care when needed for feeding, bathing, toileting, etc., but **WE DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO SERVE CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE CONSTANT 1 ON 1 CARE OR SUPERVISION THROUGH OUT THE DAY.**
- Free of emotional outbursts and capable of physical restraint at all times. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT A CHILD WHO'S BEHAVIOR MAY REPRESENT A DANGER TO SELF OR OTHERS.**
- Toilet trained unless there is a valid medical reason for incontinence or wears a diaper. We are prepared to assist campers who have limited bowel and bladder due to their medical condition and we are also prepared to deal with occasional accidents,...**BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CAMPERS WHO ARE SIMPLY NOT TOILET TRAINED AND ARE UNABLE TO ASK FOR HELP BEFORE SOILING THEMSELVES.**
- Free of medical conditions that in the opinion of our medical staff may represent a danger to self or others. Each applicant will be judged on an individual basis, but as a general rule,...**A CHILD IS NOT CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR CAMP IF HE/SHE IS JUDGED TO HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION ASSOCIATED WITH A HIGH RISK FOR COMPLICATION OR INJURY.**
- On a stable seizure medication regime and not in the process of changing medication or altering the dose of current medication for at least one month prior to arriving at camp.

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